

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 302

Raising the awareness of the need for crime prevention in communities across the country and expressing support for designation of October 1, 2009 through October 7, 2009 as “Celebrate Safe Communities Week” and October as “Crime Prevention Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 5, 2009

Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Raising the awareness of the need for crime prevention in communities across the country and expressing support for designation of October 1, 2009 through October 7, 2009 as “Celebrate Safe Communities Week” and October as “Crime Prevention Month”.

Whereas communities across the country face localized increases in violence and other crime;

Whereas local law enforcement-community partnerships are an effective tool for prevention crime and addressing the fear of crime;

Whereas the National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA) and the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) are leading national resources providing community safety and crime

prevention tools tested and valued by local law enforcement agencies and communities nationwide;

Whereas the NSA and the NCPC have joined together to create the “Celebrate Safe Communities” (CSC) initiative in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice;

Whereas in its premiere year, 153 communities in over 32 States and the District of Columbia participated in “Celebrate Safe Communities”;

Whereas “Celebrate Safe Communities” will take place the first week of October 2009 to help kickoff recognition of October as “Crime Prevention Month”;

Whereas “Crime Prevention Month” was established 25 years ago to encourage public education on being alert to criminal activity within their communities;

Whereas “Celebrate Safe Communities” is designated to help local communities highlight the importance of law enforcement-community partnerships to keep communities safe places to live, learn, work, and play;

Whereas “Celebrate Safe Communities” will enhance the public awareness of vital crime prevention and safety messages and motivate Americans of all ages to learn what they can do to stay safe from crime;

Whereas “Celebrate Safe Communities” will help promote year-round support for locally based and law enforcement-led community safety initiatives that help keep families, neighborhoods, schools, and businesses from crime;

Whereas the week of October 1, 2009, through October 7, 2009, would be an appropriate week to designate as “Celebrate Safe Communities” Week; and

Whereas the month of October is designated “Crime Prevention Month”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the designation of October 1
3 through October 7, 2009 as “Celebrate Safe Com-
4 munities Week”;

5 (2) supports the designation of October 2009 as
6 “Crime Prevention Month”;

7 (3) commends the efforts of the thousands of
8 local law enforcement agencies and their countless
9 community partners educating and engaging resi-
10 dents of all ages in the fight against crime;

11 (4) asks communities across the country to con-
12 sider how “Celebrate Safe Communities” can help
13 them highlight local successes in the fight against
14 crime;

15 (5) encourages the National Sheriffs’ Associa-
16 tion and the National Crime Prevention Council to
17 continue to promote through “Celebrate Safe Com-
18 munities” and year-round, individual and collective
19 action, in collaboration with law enforcement and
20 other supporting local agencies, to reduce crime and
21 build safer communities throughout the United
22 States; and

23 (6) encourages government agencies, civic
24 groups, schools, businesses, and youth organizations

- 1 to educate the public, showcase their accomplish-
- 2 ments, and explore new partnerships during “Crime
- 3 Prevention Month”.

